#### Xinya Du

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RESEARCH Natural Language Processing, Deep Learning, Large Language Models

Interests

EDUCATION Cornell University

Ph.D. in Computer Science (M.S. degree granted in Aug 2019)

Dissertation: Towards More Intelligent Extraction of Information from Documents

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Aug 2016 - Aug 2021

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Advisor: Claire Cardie

Shanghai Jiao Tong University Sep 2012 – Aug 2016

B.E. in Computer Science and Engineering

EXPERIENCE University of Texas at Dallas, Richardson, TX

Assistant Professor in Computer Science

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Champaign, IL Sep 2021 – Aug 2022

Postdoctoral Research Associate, with Prof. Heng Ji

Google AI, Mountain View, CA May 2020 – Aug 2020

Research Intern

Allen Institute for Artificial Intelligence, Seattle, WA Sep 2018 – Dec 2018

Research Intern

Microsoft Research, Redmond, WA May 2018 – Aug 2018

 $Research\ Intern$ 

SELECTED NSF CAREER award National Science Foundation, 2024

Awards& Honors

AAAI New Faculty Highlights AAAI, 2024

Amazon Research Award Amazon, 2023

Spotlight Rising Star in Data Science University of Chicago, 2021

Top 100 New Stars in Artificial Intelligence Baidu Scholar, 2020

Most Influential ACL Papers (15 each year) Paperdigest, 2017

National Scholarship (Top 1% students nationwide) SJTU, 2013

Publications Note:  $^{\dagger}$  indicates that I am a co-leading author.  $^{*}$  indicates equal contributions.

[1] IQA-EVAL: Automatic Evaluation of Human-Model Interactive Question Answering

Ruosen Li, Ruochen Li, Barry Wang, Xinya Du

In Annual Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS), 2024.

[2] FaithScore: Fine-grained Evaluations of Hallucinations in Large Vision-Language Models

Liqiang Jing, Ruosen Li, Yunmo Chen, Xinya Du

#### [3] Document-level Causal Relation Extraction with Knowledge-guided Binary Question Answering

Zimu Wang, Lei Xia, Wei Wang, Xinya Du

In Findings of the Association for Computational Linguistics: (EMNLP), 2024.

## [4] QAEvent: Event Extraction as Question-Answer Pairs Generation Milind Choudhary, Xinya Du

In Findings of the Association for Computational Linguistics: (EACL), 2024.

## [5] PRD: Peer Rank and Discussion Improve Large Language Model-based Evaluations

Ruosen Li, Teerth Patel, Xinya Du

In Transactions on Machine Learning Research (TMLR), 2024.

#### [6] Large Language Models for Automated Open-domain Scientific Hypotheses Discovery

Zonglin Yang, **Xinya Du**<sup>†</sup>, Junxian Li, Jie Zheng, Soujanya Poria, Erik Cambria In Findings of the Association for Computational Linguistics: (ACL), 2024. Best poster award in AI4Science workshop, 2024 (1/200).

#### [7] Language Models as Inductive Reasoners

Zonglin Yang, Li<br/> Dong, **Xinya Du** $^{\dagger}$ , Hao Cheng, Erik Cambria, Xiaodong Liu, Jianfeng Gao, Furu Wei

In Conference of the European Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (EACL), 2024.

## [8] Leveraging Structured Information for Explainable Multi-hop Question Answering and Reasoning

Ruosen Li, Xinya Du

In Findings of the Association for Computational Linguistics: (EMNLP), 2023.

#### [9] Process of Elimination for Multiple Choice Reasoning

Chenkai Ma, Xinya Du

In Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP), 2023.

#### [10] Probing Representations for Document-level Event Extraction

Barry Wang, Xinya Du, Claire Cardie

In Findings of the Association for Computational Linguistics: (EMNLP), 2023.

#### [11] Zero-Shot Classification by Logical Reasoning on Natural Language Explanations

Chi Han, Hengzhi Pei, Xinya Du, Heng Ji

In Findings of the Association for Computational Linguistics: (ACL), 2023.

#### [12] Toward Consistent and Informative Event-Event Temporal Relation Extraction Xiaomeng Jin, Haoyang Wen, Xinya Du, Heng Ji

In MATCHING at Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL), 2023.

### [13] End-to-end Case-Based Reasoning for Commonsense Knowledge Base Comple-

Zonglin Yang, **Xinya Du**<sup>†</sup>, Erik Cambria, Claire Cardie

In Conference of the European Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics

#### [14] Logical Entity Representation in Knowledge-Graphs for Differentiable Rule Learning

Chi Han, Qizheng He, Charles Yu, **Xinya Du**, Hanghang Tong, Heng Ji In International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR), 2023.

## [15] Retrieval-Augmented Generative Question Answering for Event Argument Extraction

Xinya Du and Heng Ji

quistics (NAACL), 2021.

In Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP), 2022.

#### [16] Dynamic Global Memory for Document-level Argument Extraction Xinya Du, Sha Li, and Heng Ji

In Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL), 2022.

#### [17] Automatic Error Analysis for Document-level Information Extraction Aliva Das\*, Xinya Du\*, Barry Wang\*, Kejian Shi, Jiayuan Gu, Thomas Porter, Claire

In Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL), 2022.

#### [18] RESIN-11: Schema-guided Event Prediction for 11 Newsworthy Scenarios Xinya Du, Zixuan Zhang, Sha Li, Heng Ji and the RESIN team In Conference of the North American Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (NAACL): System Demonstrations, 2022.

#### [19] Template Filling with Generative Transformers Xinya Du, Alexander M. Rush, and Claire Cardie In Conference of the North American Chapter of the Association for Computational Lin-

## [20] GRIT: Generative Role-filler Transformers for Document-level Event Entity Extraction

Xinya Du, Alexander M. Rush, and Claire Cardie In Conference of the European Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (EACL), 2021.

# [21] Few-shot Intent Classification and Slot Filling with Retrieved Examples Dian Yu, Luheng He, Yuan Zhang, Xinya Du, Panupong Pasupat and Qi Li In Conference of the North American Chapter of the Association for Computational Linquistics (NAACL), 2021.

## [22] QA-Driven Zero-shot Slot Filling with Weak Supervision Pretraining Xinya Du, Luheng He, Qi Li, Dian Yu, Panupong Pasupat and Yuan Zhang In Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL), 2021.

#### [23] Event Extraction by Answering (Almost) Natural Questions Xinya Du and Claire Cardie In Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP), 2020. Top 1% most cited articles published in Computer Science in 2020.

#### [24] Improving Event Duration Prediction via Time-aware Pre-training Zonglin Yang, Xinya Du, Alexander M. Rush and Claire Cardie In Findings of the Association for Computational Linguistics: (EMNLP), 2020.

[25] Document-Level Event Role Filler Extraction using Multi-Granularity Contextualized Encoding

Xinya Du and Claire Cardie

In Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL), 2020.

[26] Leveraging Structured Metadata for Improving Question Answering on the Web

**Xinya Du**, Adam Fourney, Robert Sim, Claire Cardie, Paul Bennett and Ahmed Hassan Awadallah

In Conference of the Asia-Pacific Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (AACL/IJCNLP), 2020.

[27] Be Consistent! Improving Procedural Text Comprehension using Label Consistency

Xinya Du, Bhavana Dalvi, Niket Tandon, Antoine Bosselut, Wen-tau Yih, Peter Clark, Claire Cardie

In Conference of the North American Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (NAACL), 2019.

[28] Harvesting Paragraph-Level Question-Answer Pairs from Wikipedia Xinya Du and Claire Cardie

In Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL), 2018. Top 1% most cited articles published in Computer Science in 2018.

[29] Identifying Where to Focus in Reading Comprehension for Neural Question Generation

Xinya Du and Claire Cardie

In Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP), 2017.

[30] Learning to Ask: Neural Question Generation for Reading Comprehension Xinya Du, Junru Shao and Claire Cardie

In Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL), 2017. Featured in New Scientist and TechRepublic [Link]
Top 0.1% most cited articles published in Computer Science in 2017

[31] Cornell Belief and Sentiment System at TAC 2016

Vlad Niculae, Kai Sun, Xilun Chen, Yao Cheng, **Xinya Du**, Esin Durmus, Arzoo Katiyar, Claire Cardie

In Text Analysis Conference (TAC), 2016.

#### Grants

NSF CAREER: Learning to Extract Consistent Event Graphs from Long and Complex Documents (PI)

Natural Science Foundation

May 2024 – present.

Process-guided Fine-tuning for Answering Complex Questions (PI)

Amazon Research Award

Jan 2024 – present.

Amazon Trusted AI Challenge Grant (Co-PI)

Amazon

Sep 2024 – present.

**FAIGen:** Faithful LLM Generation with Scientific Principles-guided Learning
Cisco Faculty Research Award

Dec 2024 – present.

Undergraduate Research Apprenticeship Award (URAP)

University of Texas at Dallas

summer 2023, 2024.

PROFESSIONAL Chairing:

SERVICES

ACL Rolling Review (ARR) 2024

Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL) 2024 Session Chair

Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP) 2024 Area char

Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP) Demo Track 2024 Area char

Conference of the North American Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (NAACL) 2024 Website chair

Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL) 2023 Area char International Conference on Computational Linguistics (COLING) 2024, 2025 Senior Area Chair

#### Seminar/Conference/Workshop Organizing:

AI4Research: Towards a Unified Knowledge-grounded Scientific Research Lifecycle. To Appear AAAI 2025. Organizing team: Qingyun Wang, Wenpeng Yin, Lifu Huang, Yi R. Fung, Xinya Du, Carl Edwards, Tom Hope.

#### Journal Reviewer:

IEEE Transactions on Knowledge and Data Engineering (TKDE)

IEEE Transactions on Audio, Speech and Language Processing (TASLP)

IEEE Transactions on Neural Networks and Learning Systems (TNNLS)

ACM Transactions on Asian and Low-Resource Language Information Processing (TAL-LIP)

ACM Transactions on Knowledge Discovery from Data (TKDD)

Computational Linguistics (CL)

Knowledge and Information Systems (KAIS)

AI Communication

#### Conference Committee Member:

Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL)

Annual Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)

International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR)

Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP)

Conference of the North American Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (NAACL)

Conference of the Asia-Pacific Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (AACL/IJCNLP)

International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence (IJCAI)

AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI)

Natural Language Processing and Chinese Computing (NLPCC)

Conference on Computational Natural Language Learning (CoNLL)

Workshop on Noisy User-generated Text (W-NUT)

Workshop on Machine Reading for Question Answering (MRQA)

Joint Conference on Lexical and Computational Semantics

#### PhD/MS Committee Member:

PhD: Xiangci Li, Jishnu Jaykumar Padalunkal, Basel Abdeen, Yibo Hu.

MS: Wooseong Yang, Shubham Patel

#### Other Activities:

Faculty Advisor for Women Who Compute (WWC), UT Dallas, 2024.

Faculty Advisor for Girls Who Code (GWC), UT Dallas, 2024.

Faculty Advisor for Society of Asian Scientists and Engineers (SASE), UT Dallas, 2024

PhD Admission Committee, UT Dallas, 2022, 2023, 2024

Site host of North American Computational Linguistics Olympiad (NACLO), 2023, 2024.

Member of Cornell CS Department PhD Admission Committee, 2021.

Volunteer for Cornell CS Department PhD Visit Day, 2019, 2020, 2021.

Student Volunteer for ACL 2017, ACL 2018, EMNLP 2017.